## Giants and Yankees Again Lose Ground in Race, After Defeats by Pirates and White Sox

## RUSSELL'S COMEBACK IS HELPING PIRATES TO MOVE UP IN RACE

Former Chicago Pitcher, in Clean-up Position, Has Been Hitting Ball Savagely in Series With Giants-Has Had Peculiar Career in Baseball—Rettig Flivvers

\*REB RUSSELL could always hit. I have known him to go up in a pinch and clout the horsehide when the best hitters on the club were failing. I cannot understand why the White Sox gave him his walking papers." One of the scribes traveling with the Cubs was discussing with the writer the new National League sensation, Elwell A. Russell, one of the best pitchers in the American League several years ago and now making a brilliant comeback with

"If I remember rightly, Russell was used to run for some one on the team whenever there was need for speed on the bases. Come to think of it, he was the fastest man on the White Sox team," continued the scribe.

"All of a sudden his arm went bad and the White Sox gave him his unconditional release. To all intents and purposes Russell's career as a big league player was over. He could barely lob the ball up to the plate. He had none of the old-time speed that made him a terror to batters in the American League, while his curve ball was virtually nil. He was doomed as a pitcher and Comiskey knew it.

"The strange part of it all is the fact that Reb figured that, while his pitching days were over, he could still swat the ball. He remained out of the game for some time, and after playing around with several lot teams found he could hit all kinds of pitching and cover no end of ground in the outfield. "After toying around with the independents, Russell asked Joe Cantillion,

of Minneapolis, for a chance to show what he had left. The veteran told Reb to get into the outfield and chase the pellets during practice. Several times he gave the former twirler a chance to hit the ball. What he did with the horsehide became a matter of general talk.

"Shortly after that he was given a chance in the outfield and made good from the start. His terrific hitting and ability to snare flies, no matter where they were hit, made him a valuable addition to the association team. From a 'has-been' he soon developed into one of the hardest hitters in the league and one of the most brillian outer gardeners. His future was assured.

LAST year he proved to the world as has Joe Wood, of Cleveland, that a pitcher can hit by smacking all kinds of hurling in the association, where they have a number of veterans, with lots of cunning, for an average of .368. Bill McKechnie, now the manager the Pirates, played on the same team with Russell and knew his

#### Savage Hitting Has Helped Pirates

WHEN the former Pirate was called to assist Gibson with the Pirates this year he more than once asked that Russell be brought to the team. Until Othbie resigned the last day of June Russell was often thought of, but never considered as being good enough for the team.

Last week McKechnie completed the deal that brought the former pitcher the Pirates and since that time he has been little short of a sensation. Last Wednesday Russell started his major-league career over again by banging out a triple which scored a couple of runs.

Thursday he was out of the line-up, and on Friday it rained. Saturday he hit New York pitching for a home run and two singles. Sunday he had a homer and a single and yesterday a pair of singles. In other words, he has hit safely to date in every game played with the Bucs, getting two homers, a triple and five singles. This might be considered to be a brilliant debut after an absence of two years from the smart set.

Russell's home-run hitting is not entirely unexpected. Last year with Minneapolis he had thirty-three circuit clouts, which is considered Babe-Ruth bitting in the American Association. In addition, he had thirty-five doubles

With Russell in the line-up as clean-up man the Pirates are strengthened considerably. New York scribes are giving "Reb" the major part of the credit for the three straight victories scored over their favorites in the present series. Not only is he hitting the ball with all the vigor of a Sisler or a Cobb. but he is also hitting it as timely as any of the best swatters in either league. If he continues Pittsburgh is certain to get up higher in the race.

The Pirates were in second place the first week in June and dropped during the next three weeks to sixth. Today they are in fifth, just nine and a half games back of first place. With the fact in their memories that the Giants championship when they (the Pirates) had an eight-game lead late in August of last year, the rehabilitated Bucs might even yet get up far enough in the race to be considered serious contenders. . . .

McKECHNIE, the Pirate manager, is not through by any means.

Last year with Minneapolis he hit the old apple for an average of .828, playing third base as scell as he did schen he started many years ago. McKechnie is a former Wilkinsburg High School star and has spent most of his life in and around Pittsburgh, where he is immensely popular with the fans.

### Dark Day for All Gotham

TESS AND VIRGIL BARNES, brothers by relationship and pitchers by profession, proved easy for the Pirates in the third game of the series. Russell and his mates hammered the pair for a total of sixteen hits in seven innings and added another pair off Jonnard in the last two frames. Seven successive hits were made off the younger Barnes-meaning Virgil

-in the sixth inning, when the Bucs made a quintet of markers. The elder Barnes lost much of his effectiveness after the second inning, when he was hit in the groin by a line drive from the bludgeon of Hamilton The veteran Pittsburgh pitcher held the Giants at bay throughout the

game, being particularly effective after the first inning. Three of the seven hits made off his delivery were garnered by Youth Cunningham, who is working in center in place of Casey Stengel. In addition, Hamilton had a pair of singles that figured in the run-getting for the Pirates.

The victory brought the Cards, who defeated the Dodgers, when Sherdel!

turned in his thirteenth triumph of the season, to within a little over a half game from the pace-setting Giants. The St. Louisuns made but nine hits off a quartet of Brooklyn pitchers, but each safety counted. Schultz made a bome run that helped considerably in the triumph. The day was a dark and somber one for Gotham. Not only did the

Giants lose ground in their efforts to keep out in front, but the Yanks lost to the White Sox for the second successive day, while the Browns were mauling Red Sox.

Charley Robertson, the "perfect game" pitcher, had much the better of a hurling duel with Bob Shawkey, although he allowed one more hit than the veteran. Six and five hits were registered by the two teams. Shawkey was in rare form in all but the sixth inning, when the Sox bunched four of their five hits for victory. A triple by Mulligan, singles by Hooper and Collins and a triple by Amos Strunk, who is taking on a new lease on life, spelled three

WEN WILLIAMS knocked out his twenty-sixth home run of the A season in the Browns' victory and now leads the American League by two. Tillie Walker has been impotent with his home-run bladgem. ever since leaving Shibe Park. Williams is now one behind Hornsby. scho leads the National

### Cliff Lee Continues Great Hitting

AS IN most of its games this season the Browns rallied to victory, scoring A runs in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings after Jack Quinn had held them at bay during the early innings. Van Gilder pitched effectively with men on bases and was never in danger after the fourth frame. In addition to Williams, Johnny Tobin hit a circuit smash. While St. Louis was going wild and New York bemoaning its fate, this

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City of Brotherly Love was much affected by reverses suffered by the Phils and the A's. There was one consolation in the rout of the Wilhelmites. Cliff Lee, who was benched because of a lack of hitting not long ago, sent his sixth circuit smash in the last seven games out of the lot.

According to a number of old-timers, this is a major league record for dreuit swatting. Neither Ruth, Hornsby nor Cravath has reached this mark. The homer yesterday was Lee's thirteenth of the season, which places him but four behind Cy Williams, who hit his seventeenth in the sixth inning. "Butch" Henline also made a homer, his coming in the ninth, following Lee's. Hack Miller, the burly Cub outfielder, also marched around the bases after a four-ply smash. Twenty-five home runs have been made at Broad and

Huntingdon streets in eight games, sixteen of which have been made by the Phils. This may also be regarded as something of a record. Adolph Rettig, who made good against the Browns in his debut and held the Indians to four hits in his second contest, had little with which to fool the Tigers and the A's dropped their third straight. He lasted until the middle of the third, when he gave way to Lefty Heimach. Eckert and Sullivan followed in order, Cobb and his mates getting eighteen safeties.

"Red" Oldham was in rare form, holding Tillie Walker and his mates to seven hits, two of which were made by Chick Galloway. Walker and Miller, the big guns in the Mackmen attack, went hitless. In the series of three games Detroit has registered forty-eight hits to a third that number for the House

In the other American League game the Senators played poorly behind ineffective twirling by Zachary, Brillheart and Youngblood, the latter the Indian. Sixteen hits and fourteen runs rang from the ashes of the Tribesmen, Speaker getting his seventh homer of the season. Morton was effective all

SENOR ADOLPHO LUQUE was in rare form both on the mound and at but and defeated the Braves. He scored a run and brooked in three others. Miller, who starred early in the season for the Plantaum nine, was hit freely by Moran's hirelings.

# **CLASSIC MATCH**

Wood Platt and Norman Maxwell Will Battle for Championship

JONES LEADING AMATEUR

The championship of Whitemarsh Valley still hangs on the hinges of doubt. J. Wood Platt and Norman H. Maxwell have battered their way through the tournament, Maxwell getting into the final by eliminating that steady golfing paragon, Lou Deming. But the final match still hangs in abeyance, waiting for Mr. Fate to take his vicious glances off the principals.

Platt, it will be remembered, lost a match to Humidity at the interclub championships played over the blazing sands of Pine Valley. He was knocked cold—if the sun can put any one in that condition—and hasn't had a golf club in his hands since. Woody visited Whitemarsh several times in the last week, but his doctor issued the ulti-matum that he wasn't to play for quite matim that he wasn't to play for quite a while. However, his period of abstinence is nearly over, and when it is the classic Platt-Maxwell duel will be exhibited to the gaping Valley fans.

Maxwell himself is not in any too good condition, though his golf in the

last few weeks has been sensational. At the Green Valley tournament his first thirty-six holes were run off with the skill of a master. Then he was so fatigued that he had to withdraw, though he appeared to be a certain

Shot 74 at Gulph Mills .

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His record-breaking feat of going over the Gulph Mills course in 74 indicated that he was at the top of his game. That was an eighteen-hole test, and at the short distance Norman is almost unbeatable by the amateurs of Philadelphia. But thirty-six in a day stops him. He showed this again in the St. Martins Cup battle, when, after turning in the low medal for the qualifying round, he went utterly to pieces and was eliminated.

A battle between Platt and Maxwell

A battle between Platt and Maxwell over their home links should be one well worth watching. Both men know every angle of the course, its water, traps and pimples, and, better yet, know how to negotiate them in classic

Winning the championship at Whitemarsh Valley is one of the biggest tasks any Philadelphia club has to offer, for and a dozen other stars has accom-plished a feat that he can chortle about to his grandchildren when he gets too old and rickety to swing the niblick.

A nock of youthful instruct come out in the Grays Ferry district annually,

Philadelphia need not bow her head when the amateur class of the country is reckoned up. In this district are a splendid group of players, but we haven't the best of them all located flash.

Almost every professional agrees that | First there was Bill Hamilton, welthe finest amateur player this country has produced is twenty-year-old Bobby weight, came along, followed by Eddie Jones. Bobby finished only a step behind Gene Sarazen in the national open, and with a bit of luck or a bit more control of his temper might have won the court the black haired little.

long is letter-perfect in form. No player, amateur or professional, can teach him anything in the matter of style. He draws the head of his club all the way back, but so perfect is the "groove" of his swing that it is very, very seldom that his drive is wild. Besides that, his short game is all that

Merchantville, and will bring together a field of star performers.

McDermott, it will be remembered.

Must the national open champton in 1911-12. He won the Philadelphia open several times, and in 1913 defeated therry Vardon and Ted Ray at Shawhee, after those Britons had made a nee, after those Britons had made a need to be advent of the regular 1922-23 pugilistic campaign—tropic to the world's well-regular 1922-23 pugilistic cam

not love a match. In the following year Jack's mind became affected, and he has been confined to a sanatorium ever since. This tes-timonial is one that is deserved a thou-

#### sand times over. 1923 Open at Inwood

It has been decided to hold the 1923 national open golf championship over the course of the Inwood Country ub, near Far Rockaway, Long Island This should be good news to Gene Sar nzen and an omen of good luck, too, for it was on those links that he made his first great showing. He defeated Jock Hutchison there by the one-sided count

Incidentally it is the first time that the open has been held in the metropolitan district since 1915, when Jerome Travers won the title at Baltusrol.

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# HINCKLE LOOMS AS

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WINS ICE PALACE BELT

#### By LOUIS H. JAFFE

CRAY'S FERRY, always boasting of the club numbers among its membership U star mittmen-in-the-making, has some of the best golfers in this vicinity. not had an outstanding glove wielder Any one who conquers Platt, Maxwell, not had an outstanding glove wielder Deming, Eddie O'Hanlon, Herb Newton since the days of Unk Russell and Yi Yi Erne. That's been years ago.

A flock of youthful fistmen come out indulge in a few fracases, but soon flop back into oblivion. For a number of years the names of

very seldom that his drive is wild. Besides that, his short game is all that
can be desired and his putting something
that more than duffers dream about.

His single flaw in the past has been
a temper that has not always been
under control. There was excuse in
plenty for that. He is young and implenty for that. He is young and imthat he wanted to box only occasionally. plenty for that. He is young and impressionable and youth never has the severe control of nerve force that comes

I for only about a score of that he wanted to box only occasionally, but matchmakers failed to put him on.

Then Wally coupled with Joe Croswith the years. But Bobby is arriving at the age of discretion.

Angered at Skokle

At Skokle he slipped only twee, when the gallery, milling restlessly about, any gered him. He made his shots on those occasions before the watchers had been herded back out of the fairways; and though he apparently lost nothing, his margin behind Sarazen was so small that every shot counted vitally.

Jones will play in the annieur championship at Brookhue in September, and hopes to vindicate the opinion of his admirers by winning the crown of the all foreglory gelfers.

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Another big surprise was winding Platt, Max Marston, Muxwell, Eddic Relly and others, are eligible for that campaign, but if Jones is in the form that he showed at Skokle he should be a favorite to win the tournament.

### Welter Aspirant



WALLY HINCKLE Grays Ferry gloveman, one of five brothers who have appeared in ring

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#### LEONARD WOULD RETIRE AS UNDEFEATED CHAMP the national juntor tourney, which will

reopen the cut over his right eye re-ceived in the Tendler fight at Jersey City last week. He will box only with his brother Joe.
"In my fight with Tendler the blood streamed down my face continually

and blurred my vision so that I saw two Tendlers most of the time." Leon-

The plans for the testimonial tournaments to Jack McDermott, the greatest golfer ever developed in Philadelphia, are rapidly maturing. They will be played at Merion. Atlantic City and Merchantville, and will bring together a field of star performers.

McDermott, it will be remembered, was the national open chamnton to Modernament and the played and the mational open chamnton to the mational open chamnton to the played at Chew street and Cheltan a

### Scraps About Scrappers

Bill Daly is stepping back into the local flatic limeglare. He is undertaking the management of the Columbia A. C. and is setting together a program for next Monday night. The wind-up is to be between Matty Brooks and Ray Mitchell.

Joe Libby and Bruce Robinson, a brace of Negro welterweights, will get together in the star bout of Charley Cross's National A. A. tomorrow night, Jimmy O'Connell vs. Joe Ray is the semi, Freilms: Harry Nut-ter vs. Billy Thornton, Seal Jackson vs. Kid Cotton and Sailor Spag vs. Al Williams.

Harry Gimbel, amateur boxer, is in training near Doylestown. He contemplates appearing in another amateur tourney or two and then may start on a professional career, Gimbel is a bantamweight.

A heavyweight match between Jack Martin and Pilly Burne will be one of the features of Adam Ryan's show at the Logan A. A. Thursday night. Tommy Devin boxes Sam Blackiston in the wind-up, and the semi-wind-up is to be Sallor Joe Kelly vs. Joe Phillips. Other numbers: Jimmy Bedley vs. Pat Haley and George Helmar vs. Al Markie. Kid Belmont is hardling the aspirations of Young Kid Norfolk, 180, and Kid Fox, 120. Both are in strict training.

Benny Leonard is planning on a European trip. After his twilight bout with Ever Hammer at Michigan City Saturday, and probably with the winner of the Charley White-Bobby Barrett match in New York, the champion will leave for abroad with Billy Gibson some time in September.

There are letters in the Sports Department of the Eventso Public Lenges for Lew Tendler and Yunkee Schwartz. Eddie (Kid) Wagner is matched with Lou (Kid) Kaplan for a ten-round bout at Meriden. Conn.. August 10. 129 pounds, at 3 o'clock. He also will appear in the next show at Shibe Park, probably on August 14.

Beany Berris has recovered from his recent stomach aliment and is to so in training, together with his stablemate. Eddle (Kid) Wasner, at Delanco, N. J., be latter part of the week.

# ENTER NATIONALS

Junior Champion to Forward Name for U. S. Senior Title **Events at Germantown** 

TO PLAY AT LONGWOOD

Earl Bartlett, who last week won the Pennsylvania State junior singles championship, is going to make a bid to enter the national singles cham-pionship, which will be played at the Germantown Cricket Club, beginning September 8. There is some doubt as to whether his entry will be accepted. Although his record as a junior and scholastic player is uponestionably the scholastic player is unquestionably the best in this city, his standing may not be considered high enough to enter the

senior classic.

Besides winning the State title,
Bartlett, who is a southpaw, captained the Penn Charter team, which interscholastic championship this sea-son, and was ranked No. 1 among the choolboy players of the city.

Bartlett's chances of getting into the actionals will be increased if he wins

Will Not Start Boxing for Hammer

Bout Until Tomorrow

Michigari City, Ind., Aug. 1.—Benny

Leonard, lightweight puglistle cham.

Box run in conjunction with the United States doubles at Longwood, beginning August 21. The Penn Charter youth Match at Southampton

Michigari City, Ind., Aug. 1.—Benny

Leonard, lightweight puglistle cham. is a member of the Philadelphia Cricket will represent Great Britain in the in-Club. The golfers will sail on the Carmania

He is afraid a sparring partner will McGlinn also played on the Penn Char-

qualified for the junior nationals are William B. Kraft, Jr., of Lower Merion: Jack Brammal and Hanson Hodge, of West Philadelphia High, and Neil Sullivan, of Germantown Acad-emy. Donald Strachan, who won the



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Boston's Fall

New York's Attitude

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Hoover's Style BOSTON, like Philadelphia, is pennant-proud. World's championship flage often have fluttered in the Back Bay breeze. But not so now.

Judging from the percentage tables, the breeze is the only thing stirring

these days around Fenway Park and the Braves' Field. Like Philadelphia, Boston has fallen to the very bottom of the pit. The city that once boasted of Parent, Tannehill, Young, Speaker, Maranville, Scott, Ruth, McInnis and a host of other luminaries in the baseball universe is now

floundering around at the tail end of each league. Not satisfied with throwing salt in the wound, the owners of the National and American league clubs in the Hub have rubbed it in. The trades which sent Joe Dugan, Elmer Smith and Hugh McQuillan down the river to New York have been severe blows at the civic pride of Boston.

But the injury was not confined within the bounds of Boston. It was felt

out in St. Louis, and it pierced even deeper in the Missouri city. The heart of Philadelphia fans goes out to Boston in sympathy, but misery loves company and we welcome the New Englanders into the depths of the base-ball dungeon. Our city looks a bit better in seventh place than eighth. Is it that the local clubs are better or the Boston clubs worse?

BOOSTER of the "First City of the First State" writes in to tell A us that we have injured his civic pride. Wilmington, he writes, has a population of between 90,000 and 100,000, instead of 60,000, as the Observer inferred.

Even New York Is Against Deals

THE two New York clubs have been hammered by the anvil chorus in every tother big league city. However, that was to be expected, But it is quite surprising to find a New York newspaper pulling out the

axe against their own clubs. Here is what the New York Tribune had to say about the deals: 'Edifying sight, exalted sportsmanship and all that, the New York clubs frantically nabbing players at the eleventh hour, while their St. Louis rivals. just as gritty but not so opulent, struggle along with what they have. The season is over for trades, but the leagues, to equalize matters and to provide an even break, might turn over Eddie Collins to the Browns and Dutch Ruether to the Cardinals. Still, what matters it about the other clubs? The New York teams stay in the race and the cartwheels roll in. Put the game above the prize? Please to remember that "we're not in business for our health."

TUDGE LANDIS is in for a scrap in the West. His effort to oust William Klepper, owner of the Portland Club, has met with opposition. J. Cal Ewing, the Oakland owner, is going to take it to court if necessary. Ewing contends that Landis cannot legally force a man to turn his business over to another.

Form Versus Natural Style

THE "formist" in sports is like the language purist. Although impressive, he is not always the most forceful.

The vernacular very often is more fitting and forceful than pure English and the athlete who follows form frequently is beaten by the unorthodox per-Brookes, the Australian, was probably the most noted unorthodox tennis players and also one of the best the game has ever produced: Tendler, a south-paw, is a near champion; Greb, a titleholder, is known as a clown boxer because

fails to follow accepted style; Mays is a great pitcher and he throws an underhand ball. Examples can be found in every sport. And then there is Hoover, who doesn't know anything about style and yet

is a world's champion sculler. Hoover cares nothing for form. He gets in his shell and just rows, and what is more-wins! An English critic said, after the Diamond Sculls, that Hoover won in spite of his style and not because of it. Here is a paragraph from the criticism: "A greater contrast to orthodox methods than Mr. Hoover's has never been seen in a winner of the Diamonds. The American must be extraordinarily strong and has no doubt developed by continuous practice different muscles from these

Hoover uses his natural style. An effort to follow form probably would Other things being equal, the athlete with the form should win, but he

in common use. No ordinary human arms could withstand the finish he prefers."

WILLIE HOPPE has come out of retirement and will make another bld for the 18.2 balk-line championship. Unless Willie has gone back considerably, his bid will be a strong one.

## ENGLAND FICKS GOLF TEAM Robert Harris and Cyril J. H. Tolley.

ternational golf match to be held at the national links in Southampton, August arrive here and the day scheduled for 30, has been officially selected. Nine the international clash, they will play a number of courses in this dismen have been chosen, as follows:

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